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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 16, 2007, the applicants make the following elections, with traverse.

- With respect to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect Group IV, where Z is C or O, n is 1, and W and R1 are joined to make a 5-membered pyrrolidine ring, optionally having 1 double bond, which is drawn as structure IV in Figure 1 that was included in the Office Action.

Please note that Group IV of the Restriction Requirement is inconsistent with respect to Z, as Z in the description on page 2 of the Office Action defines Z as O, whereas Z in Structure IV in Figure I of the office action is C. The election of Group IV therefore means that Z is either C or O. Please also note that in the election of species immediately below Z is C in the elected Compound.

- With respect to the Election of Species, the compound shown as Example 78 is elected.
- The claims that read on the elected group are Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, and 14-35.

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